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Information Disclosure Statement

This information disclosure statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. §§1.97-1.98 in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.56.

U.S. Patent Numbers 5,712,385; 5,856,088; 5,908,744; 6,136,529; 5,766,849; 5,541,308; 5,747,252, 5,693,468; and 5,871,975 teach probes specific for HIV, Mycotuberculosis, Neisseria, and Chlamydia.

In the judgment of the undersigned, the references listed on the attached FORM PTO-1449 may be material to the Examiner's consideration of the presently pending claims. However, the references have not been reviewed in sufficient detail to make any other representation and, in particular, no representation is intended as to the relative relevance of any portion of the references or as to the relative relevance as between references, whether cited in this statement or prior statements. This statement is not a representation that the listed references have effective dates early enough to be "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §102 or §103.

Copies of the cited references are enclosed.

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1	5,712,385	01/27/98	McDonough et al.	536	24.32	
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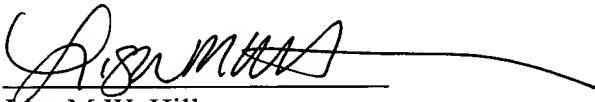
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